

## One-Liners from the Great Bob Hope (with thanks to Jack Murray)

ON TURNING 70 "You still chase women, but only downhill."

ON TURNING 80 "That's the time of your life when even your birthday suit needs pressing."

ON TURNING 90 "You know you're getting old when the candles cost more than the cake."

ON TURNING 100 "I don't feel old. In fact I don't feel anything until noon. Then it's time for my nap."

ON GIVING UP HIS EARLY CAREER, BOXING "I ruined my hands in the ring ... The referee kept stepping on them."

ON NEVER WINNING AN OSCAR "Welcome to the Academy Awards or, as it's called at my home, 'Passover'."

ON WHY HE CHOSE SHOWBIZ FOR HIS CAREER "When I was born, the doctor said to my mother, 'Congratulations. You have an eight-pound ham'."

ON HIS FAMILY'S EARLY POVERTY "Four of us slept in the one bed. When it got cold, mother threw on another brother."

ON HIS SIX BROTHERS "That's how I learned to dance. Waiting for the bathroom."

ON HIS EARLY FAILURES "I would not have had anything to eat if it wasn't for the stuff the audience threw at me."

ON GOING TO HEAVEN "I've done benefits for ALL religions. I'd hate to blow the hereafter on a technicality."

## FEBRUARY SPEAKERS (Meetings are at 10:00 a.m. in Morrill Hall)

- Feb 2 George Lowell, Lewis & Clark trail guide and year-round volunteer responsible for area of natural hot springs along the Great Divide, will give us an overview of the Lewis & Clark expedition and its importance to the expansion westward of the United States. He will explore the clash of the culture of the Native Americans that the expedition encountered. He is a frequent lecturer at Norwalk Community College.
- Feb 9 Ralph Heisel, lead designer for PEI Partnership Architects, will address the club, presenting his first hand knowledge of China, its economy and people. Mr. Heisel was lead designer on the Bank of China headquarters in Beijing and other projects in China. His close contact with a cross section of the Chinese population on a daily basis gives him a unique insight into this emerging nation..
- Feb 16 Ken Fisher has been in investment management for over thirty years, he is perhaps best known for his prestigious Portfolio Strategy financial investment column featured in Forbes magazine. Ken Fisher's 22-year tenure at Forbes makes him the fifth longest-running columnist in the magazine's 89-year history. Mr. Fisher has also written four major finance books including the 1984 Dow Jones best seller, Super Stocks, and his most recent, *The Only Three Questions That Count*, released in Dec 2006.
- Feb 23 Our own Craig Wright returns once again to review the Wrights' trip to Iceland and Greenland in 2005. Craig will provide his highly entertaining and informative views of these countries. The Wrights have traveled to more than 77 countries over the past 18 years, and he's shared photos and experiences from many of them with the SMC. Before his retirement, Dr. Wright was the Director of Health Services for Xerox. The Wrights have lived in New Canaan for 30 years.

**Dues For 2007** Your Senior Men's Club dues of \$35 for 2007 are now payable. The deadline for payment is February 28. Please pay as soon as possible to avoid a loss of membership. You may pay Joe Elmlinger or Jim Davis any Friday, by check to SMCNC, or mail your payment to SMC, c/o YMCA, 564 South Avenue, New Canaan, CT 06840.

## COUTH

- Feb 28 (Wed)** Mark your calendar for one of the most popular couth trips, the New York Philharmonic open rehearsal. Hear Kurt Masur conduct Mendelssohn's Hebrides Overture (Fingal's Cave), Sibelius' Violin Concerto and Tchaikovsky's Symphony No. 6, "Pathétique." Lunch will follow at Tavern on the Green. Price will be \$90, with check-in at St. Marks at 7:45 and departure at 8:00. Tracey Mackle (966-1149) and Lee Hindenach (544-7125) will be our hosts.
- Mar 25 (Wed)** We've got a trip to Mohegan Sun, where you'll find completely smoke-free gaming, dining and shopping. The trip, aboard a Mohegan Sun bus, will include coupons for their buffet lunch and gaming. Beyond gaming and dining, Mohegan Sun includes over 35 popular shops in a spectacular and unique setting. Check-in is at 8:00, with an 8:15 departure and a return in the late afternoon. Cost per person is \$30, and there is a strict limit of 50 people. Host: Tom Donelan (506-4065).
- April** To be announced at a later date.

**Please note:** As a reminder, the Couth policy is as follows: The sign-up sheet is to be used as an indication of interest and intent to participate, but not to establish a reservation. The date of the check receipt by the Couth Committee will be the control of a confirmed reservation.

## ACTIVITIES

- Amateur Chefs** The chefs will meet on again on Thursday, February 15. Menu details will be announced at a Friday morning meeting. Bert Liebelt (966-3696), Marvin Newman (972-8165)
- Bridge** Bridge follows weekly meetings. Games last until about 2:00 p.m. Sign up before the meeting or at start of the break at the Couth Desk. A post-meeting drawing establishes who'll go to Lapham Center for play. Eric Musa (966-3125)
- Paddle Tennis** The season is well under way. Play at Waveny on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 9 to 11 a.m. A Rec Department permit is required. George Perkins (972-6852)
- Racquetball** Players wanted. Mon, Wed, Fri 8:00 a.m. at the YMCA. Bill Patton (966-4849)
- Skyblazers** The planes will be flying at Lapham Center at 9:00 on January 29th., and then again on March 5, also at 9:00. Jack Murray (966-1416)
- Trailblazers** The season is over, and we'll resume in the spring. David Branch (966-9782)
- 4F Luncheon** Our informal, relaxing Dutch treat lunch is the Fourth Friday, February 23rd, at convenient DiNardo's restaurant in Scotts Corner on Westchester Ave., right in the middle of town. The food is delicious, prices are reasonable and we shall have a private room. All are invited, especially newer members who will find the group always hospitable. Sign up at the Couth desk on February 23rd, either before 10AM or during the coffee break. Paul Stein (966-1252)

**Note:** The editor apologizes to Laszlo Papp for his typographical error misspelling Laszlo's name in the January newsletter.



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